SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 882

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dustin Robert Cupp of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor the memory of those outstanding Tennesseans whose young lives were sadly cut-short; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Robert Cupp was one such outstanding young man, who passed from this life as a result of an automobile accident on March 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the son of Judge Robert E. Cupp and Diane Cupp, Dustin Cupp was born on November 25, 1988, in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, a popular senior at Happy Valley High School, Mr. Cupp was an avid learner and diligent student who demonstrated outstanding leadership and compassion for others while participating in a number of scholastic and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional baseball player, his athletic prowess, dedication, and determination were on display while pitching for his Little League team in Johnson City, helping the team to a third place finish in the 2000 state tournament; and

WHEREAS, honoring the memory of this exceptional young man, a new program was created to raise awareness of the many issues teenage drivers face, including using the seat belt, alcohol, drugs, speed, emotions, and distractions from friends, music, and mobile phones; and

WHEREAS, named in honor of Dustin Cupp, Dustin's 2Much 2Live4, Kombat for Life Campaign was founded with the goal of educating teenage drivers about the many hazards drivers face while on the road: and

WHEREAS, by offering teenage drivers a program of defensive driving skills aimed at improving road awareness, Dustin's 2Much 2Live4, Kombat for Life Campaign is helping save the lives of young drivers throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Robert Cupp leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, compassion, diligence, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors, and through Dustin's 2Much 2Live4, Kombat for Life Campaign that legacy continues while saving the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to honor and remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dustin Robert Cupp, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and exceptional life, and that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cupp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Body support and encourage Dustin's 2Much 2Live4, Kombat for Life Campaign in its efforts to raise awareness in teenage drivers as to the importance of possessing excellent defensive driving skills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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